RELIEFWORK AT AN END.

A RIGOROUS WINTER OVER, ONLY THE GOOD ACCOMPLISHED REMAINS TO BE TOLD.

street, since January 28: Meals supplied to families (average

Women and children provided with

Second-hand shoes provided women and children .. Men provided with clothing and

Families provided with coal Cases where rent was paid and dispossess proceedings stopped. . Number of persons for whom employment was secured Families furnished with household furniture, new and second-hand ...

Medicine furnished for the sick and helpless

Number of persons for whom trans-

unanswerable testimony of the substantial own scant purse worthiness of the enterprise, imperfectly outline the great work performed by the This is what the Rev. Dr. Rainsford, rec Journal Relief Bureau at No. 484 Grand tor of St. George's Church, sald publicly at street. That bureau having accomplished the time:

Table showing the number of fami-ithe temporary mission for which it was Hes and persons aided by the Jour- created terminated its existence yester nal Relief Bureau, at No. 484 Grand | Relief has been given in many cases that cannot be classified and that finds no place in this resume. On January 28 last the of five persons in each family).... 212,000 Journal, in response to a very widespread appeal for ald in this city and the admitted 15,000 inability of the charities societies, united and otherwise, to cope with the demand, 3,250 established a depot where those in need might find temporary relief. It will be remembered that eltizens, leaders in the active thought and life of the community, raised their voices in vigorous appeals for 2.500 support for the poor. The exchequers of the benevolent organizations, it was conceded, had been exhausted. Thousands of mechanics and laboring men, strong, ablebodied and willing, were walking the streets of the great city in idieness. The Mayor was appealed to to open up additional public works, but he answered that 65 there were no funds for such a purpose.

The story was told, that the teachers in 34 the public schools, moved by the sight of the pinched and hungry faces of their little Even these figures, furnishing strong and charges, bought them lunches from their

I have been surprised to find a difference of opinion as to the actual poverty which exists. Some people and some of the newspapers try to convey the idea that there is no unusual poverty, while a large number of people and the rest of the newspapers sny that there is unusual distress at present. I cannot conceive how any one can be blined to the terrible destitution which exists in

many parts of New York City.

The question of that time was to obtain employment for as many of a'll great body of unemployed as possible. The churches, trades and industrial organizations, the Social Reform Club, Salvation Army and American Volunteers, the College Settlement Association, Central Labor Union and others took up the question, appointing committees to investigate the condition of affairs and adopt means for speedy relief.

While all these plans were being formulated the Journal acted. It opened a relief fund, heading it with a contribution of \$1,000, and within a few days sums from a dime to a thousand dollars poured in, showing that the American people are always ready to subscribe to a worthy cause. In a short time the Journal Relief Bureau was providing prepared food for from 4,000 to 5,000 persons daily, and the relief food fund, in a very short time, had swollen to \$10,000. All the food was prepared under the direction of a competent cook employed by the Journal, and the sum collected for the purpose was expended judiciously, the Journal bearing all the additional expense of operating the bureau. Besides a shoe fund was started and quite a handsome sum realized. In this way the school children, all bringing notes from their teachers, were provided with new shoes so that they could have

From the President of the Social Reform Club.

As the result of my investigation I am convinced that the relief station has done great good and scarcely any appreciable harm. It has reached many people whom the regular charities have left untouched, and for these charities to at tack its work without any sufficient investigation is, to my mind, an outrage, It would be interesting to know how many of the twenty-one gentlemen who sign the report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor vis Ited the station, and in what their investigation consisted. I venture to surmise that it was hasty, superficial and totally insufficient. Charitable people who protest against other people's charitable work take a grave responsibility upon themselves and run the risk of being the direct causes of misery and starvation. If none of their warnings have more foundation than in the present instance, they deserve to be treated with contempt. I should be very glad to go with any one of the gentlemen who signed the adverse report to the homes they wish to leave in their poverty. ERNEST H. CROSBY.

A committee of the Social Reform Club, which has among its membership some of the most thorough and careful students of sociology in the city, also reported favorably, after a very exhaustive investigation, on the work of the Relief Bureau. The committee consisted of Ernest H. Crosby, Moses Oppenheimer, James B. Reynolds, James H. Williams, Charles B. Spahr, Henry White and Mrs. Sterling, all splendidly equipped because of long and wide experience in such matters to pass judgment upon the worthiness of any charitable or philanthropic institution or work.

Police Commissioners Praise the Bureau.

You wish to know what I think of the New York Journal's Relief Station for feeding the hungry poor. It is a praiseworthy and Christian institution. No humane man can find fault with an en-terprise that relieves the suffering of poor but deserving human beings, even though unscrupulous idlers may occasionally profit by it. It is hardly probable that really well-to-do people will take advantage of this charity to obtain food for nothing. And the harm that is done by encouraging a few unworthy ones by giving them food that they are able to work for is more than offset by the immense amount of good that is accomplished by feeding one honest man or woman that is actually starving. FREDERICK D. GRANT, Police Commissioner.

This opinion of the Journal Relief Bureau was strongly indorsed by Commissioner Parker, Chief Conlin. Captain Copeiand, who has charge of the precinct in which the Bureau was established, and all the officers and tramp squads that visited the free food mart and aided the Journal Relief Corps in handling the vast armies of people that congregated three times a day for their supplies.

Approved in Strong Terms by Cabor Ceaders.

Having paid a number of visits to the Journal Relief Bureau I desire to go on record as saying that the efforts of your paper to assist unfortunate and destitute families is deserving of the highest commendation of every fair-minded citi-Those who received aid were, in my opinion, worthy, and the agents of the Journal exercised good judgment in the duties assigned to them. JACOB E. BAUSCH, Secretary Central Labor Union.

I investigated the Journal Relief Station at a time when it was in full operation, and found that it was doing a great deal of good. The people were glad to get the well cooked food and warm clothing,-C. FUERST, Delegate to the Central Labor Union

It seems to be the opinion of all those in a position to know that there were, this last Winter, and are still, a great many men out of work on account of the low state of trade, and the temporary help given by the Journal prevented the breaking up of many homes and aided them to keep body and soul together. -CHARLES HEALY, President New York Typographical Society.

The way to give labor more real value and thus save it from being a drug in the marker is to reduce the hours of work, shut out immigrants, whether they can read or write or not, and forbid the work of minors by law, will turn the present enforced idleness, which is the curse of civilization, into leisure, which is its blessing. Until this be done the Journal and all persons who can afford it should and must practice the crowning virtue of benevolence, for there will be need of it.-A. A. HILL, American Press Association.

What the Churches Say of the Bureau.

Want of work soon brings want of bread, and no more timely relief was ever offered to the needy than that extended by the ournal Relief Bureau. I know whereof I speak. I visited the station where the relief was distributed, and also the homes where the food was caten, and I feel it a privilege and a duty to say that the work is its own commendation .- REV. DANIEL REDMOND Pastor Me-

Our Executive Board take occasion to praise your noble work, and, to show full sympathy with the cause, herewith donate \$10 to the Journal Fund.—B. ROSENTHAL, Grand Secretary Independent Order Free Sons of uJdah, February

I liked the way the Journal helped the poor, without reference to the cause of their destitution. When the Saviour cured the leper he lost no time investigating the cause of the man's misfortune. He cured the disease. With the Journal the first question was that of hunger, and the hunger was relieved by good, clean, substantial food. That is what I regard as true charity. If work could be supplied for the unemployed and temperance inculcated and practised, want and starvation might soon be made uncommon. By taking conditions as



SCENE IN THE JOURNAL'S REIEF BUREAU, WHERE THE HUNGRY WERE FED.

they exist, the Journal is doing a good work, and doing it well. By DWIGHT L. MOODY, after a visit to the Journal Relief Bureau.

Everyone should be on the side of the practical religion exemplified by the Journal in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, and instead of verbose praises I desire to manifest by the inclosed humble contribution my sincere appreciation of this noble work.-RABBI DAVID DAVIDSON AHAWATH, No. 155 East Seventy-second street, February 20

I have been more than gratified by a visit to the Journal relief station by the fact that hosts of women and children were being fed there. They were hungry, hollow-eyed, emaciated women and children, whose lot is cast on the rugged edges of society. The children that I saw were all native-born New Yorkers, and many of the women were either widows of old soldiers and firemen of the city or the sole support by their tell of these men in their declining and helpless years. An endless chain of misery results from their enforced idleness, as from that of the thousands of able-bodied men, and in feeding and clothing them the Journal is doing God's work.-REV. MADISON C. PETERS, Pastor Bloomingdale Reformed Church.

I visited the Journal relief bureau and saw for myself the excellent work that was being done daily for the relief and comfort of the deserving poor, and am happy to commend it as a worthy institution.—REV. FATHER DUCEY, Pastor St. Leo's Catholie Church.

Praises of Noted Women Missionaries and Seachers.

The Journal Relief Bureau did a great and good work in furnishing untold quantities of well cooked food to the hungry. It appealed very strongly to all mission workers, in that it supplied a want that we find during the winter months. Those sent from this school reported how generously they were supplied with food, and a personal visit proved that the quality was all that the

Journal claimed for it. Clothing and shoes were dispensed in the kindest manner. I wish the Journal every success, and thank it for the aid given to those under my care.-MISS E. A. BROTHESON, Home Industrial School No. 6. I heartly approve and applaud the great charity work instituted and carried out by the Journal.-FLORA ADAMS DARLING, Founder Society Daughters

It is the greatest charity I ever knew or heard of .- MRS. J. GOMEZ, who daily visited the Relief Station and distributed clothing among the women and children, making many garments with her own hands.

Hundreds and possibly thousands would have been in danger of tarvation but for the Journal's food distribution,-Mrs. J. M. La Madrid, Director of St.

Andrew's Coffee Stands. I was greatly interested in witnessing for myself the workings of the Charity Relief Fund of the New York Journal. I went to its headquarters

to taste its food, to look into the faces of the men, women and children wiwere fed and given food to carry to their wretched homes. The people were much the same as I have found in similar gatherings during many years of active service and investigation of methods in relieving distress. I was much interested yesterday in rending the address given by Mrs. Charles Russell Lowell, setting forth her views of the injurious effects of cheap lodging houses and various other schemes which she believes increaser crimes and lawlessness. There ought to be no question concerning the right of giving food to every hungry child whatever may be the cause of its hunger. And, as a general thing, the profilgate woman, the criminal and lazy tramp man are more likely to be reclaimed from an evil course when properly nourished. The soups, stews, bread and baked beans were all good, substantial food for any family. None can know of the real good accomplished by the work done by the Journal except those who learn by personal acquaintance with the families who were relieved.

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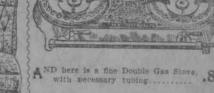
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